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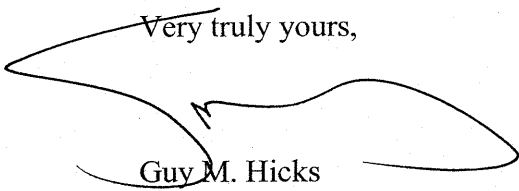
David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry into Long Distance (InterLATA)
Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of
1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice and Withdrawal of Advance Notice of Section 271 Filing. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record for all parties.

Very truly yours,


Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

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In Re: *BellSouth's Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service in
Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996* OFFICE OF THE
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Docket No. 97-00309

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE
AND WITHDRAWAL OF ADVANCE NOTICE OF SECTION 271 FILING

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST") respectfully files this notice: (1) voluntarily dismissing without prejudice its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT") filed on January 16, 1998; and (2) withdrawing the advance notice of BellSouth Corporation's ("BellSouth") intention to file an application for authority to provide interLATA service in Tennessee with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). In support of its action, BellSouth respectfully shows the following:

While recognizing the diligence and hard work of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") and Staff in assessing BellSouth's filings referenced above, the filings made in January 1998, as supplemented by additional filings in July 1998, do not now fully comply with the directions previously provided by the Authority in connection with these matters. Specifically, in its earlier orders the Authority required BellSouth to file with the Authority a copy of its proposed Section 271 application to the FCC as well as all supporting documentation so that the TRA would have available to it the same or substantially the same information as the FCC. While BellSouth has endeavored to comply with that order, events have overtaken the process and BellSouth cannot

represent that the filing which is presently before the Authority does in fact constitute the complete filing that would be made at the FCC if that filing were to be made today, or any time in the near future.

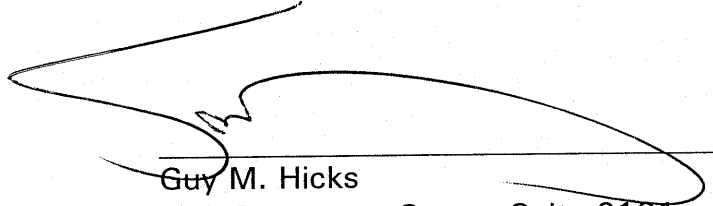
Moreover, although BellSouth has supplemented its filing previously, BellSouth cannot represent to the Authority that another supplemental filing will not be required to conform to the Authority's direction before a Tennessee filing is made at the FCC. To avoid the necessity of BellSouth having to undergo the burden and expense to prepare another supplemental filing and thereafter, the Authority and Staff having to review same, BellSouth has determined that the more efficient course is simply to withdraw these pending matters. At the appropriate time, BellSouth will renew its filing with then current information without the necessity of the Authority having to meld the various filings into one. This approach will allow the Authority to focus on the information it has ordered BellSouth to provide.

BellSouth recognizes its obligations under the April 18, 1997 Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer. BellSouth reaffirms its commitment to comply with all of its obligations thereunder, including: (1) providing the Authority with at least ninety (90) days' advance notice before filing an application with the FCC for interLATA authority in Tennessee; (2) contemporaneously with such advance notice, furnishing the Authority and the parties in this proceeding with the evidence that BellSouth will rely upon at the FCC to support such an application; (3) filing with the Authority a copy of the Section 271 application to be filed with the FCC no later than thirty-five (35) days after BellSouth provides the Authority with the requisite advance notice of its intent to

file with the FCC; and (4) acting in good faith to update its Section 271 application and supporting documentation with respect to any changes, revisions, or additions.

Respectfully submitted,

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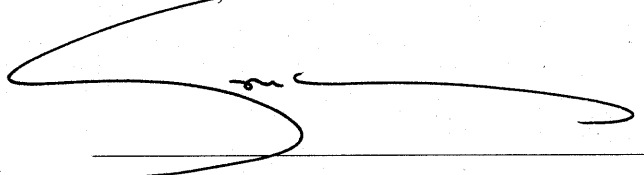
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald L. Scholes', is written over a horizontal line.